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ORGANIZATION OF THE
SOUTHERBRIDGE, MASS.
1923—1924.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Joseph Laughnane, Chairman, 10 Pine st.	1924
Pierre Lafortune, vice sec. 11 Chestnut st.	1925
J. Arthur Genereux 2 Twinehurst Place	1924
Joseph V. Flood 38 South st.	1925
Alfred E. LaPierre, 4 Crane st.	1926
Hector L. Peloquin, 30 Hamilton st.	1926

Repairs Committee

J. Arthur Genereux	Alfred E. LaPierre
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Supplies Committee

Joseph V. Flood, Chairman	
Pierre Lafortune	Hector L. Peloquin

Superintendent, of Schools

Fred E. Corbin, Residence 6 Everett st.	Tel.365-R
Office, Town Hall Building.	Tel. 365-W

The Superintendent's Office is open on school days from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12. Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7 to 7.30 o'clock

Superintendent's Clerk

Rita D. Richard, 7 Sayles st.	Tel.29-W
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School Physician.

Dr. Charles Simpson, 54 Hamilton st.	Tel. 326
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School Nurse

Margurite Houle, 24 Marcy st.	
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Attendance Officer

Margaret G. Butler 24 Marcy st.	Tel.615-W
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School Calendar

Winter Term - eight weeks January 2 to February 22

Spring Term - eight weeks March 3 to April 26

Summer Term - eight weeks May 5 to June 28.

Fall Term - sixteen weeks September 2 to December 25.

No School Signals

1-1-1 on fire alarm at 8 a. m. No school for primary grade

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 8 a m. No school in any grade

1-1-1 on fire alarm at 11.30 a. m. One session.

1-1-1 on fire alarm at 12.30. Afternoon session for all schools.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:—

The School Committee herewith submit the following report of the finances of the School department of the town for the year closing December 31, 1923, together with their recommendations of appropriations for the coming year. As to all matters connected with the policy and management of the schools, the committee refer to the report of the superintendent of schools, Mr F. E. Corbin, which is hereby submitted as a part of our report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Appropriation	\$123,130.00
Smith-Hughes fund, U. S. Goverment	1,006.88
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	\$124,136.88

Expenditures.

General Control	\$5,273.72
High School	
Teachers	\$13,011.00
Janitor	1,225.60
Books	663.99.
Supplies	523.97
Fuel	617.63
Gas and electricity	373.82
Water	126.95
New equipment	1,93.44
Repairs	1,175.32
Miscellaneous	597.62
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	\$19,462.82

Elementary

Teachers	\$50,918.46
Janitors	4,488.00
Books	2,340.51
Supplies	1,528.11
Fuel	4,219.61
Gas and electricity	131.68
Water	493.95
Repairs	1,567.15
Transportation	1,657.30
Health	712.25
Miscellaneous	1,968.46
Janitor's Supplies	54.48

New equipment	1.607.84
	— \$71.644.79
Factory classes	1.334.98
Evening schools	1929.98
Continuation school	9.241.61
Vocational school	14.215.70
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	\$123.103.60
Balance January 1, 1924	\$26.40
Receipts returned to Town Treasurer:	
Massachusetts School fund	\$8.262.50
Vocational school state grant	4.271.58
Smith-Hughes U. S. Govt. fund	1.006.88
Factory classes, A. O. Co.	474.00
Factory classes H. W. Co.	159.00
Factory classes, state grant	957.10
Hamilton Woollen Co. Voc school	600.00
H. g. school tuition	952.50
Elementary school tuition	360.35
Vocational school tuition	870.00
Car tickets sold	67.20
Supplies sold	26.62
Continuation school, state	4.019.72
Evening school, vocational, state	259.36
Continuation school tuitions	45.88
Tuition of state ward	55.75
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	\$22.388.44
Net cost to the town	\$100.688.76

As shown above the net cost of the schools for the year 1923 was \$100,688.75.

For the year 1922 the cost was \$94.141.36, and we estimated in the last report that the change to the new building would bring an additional cost of \$10,000 that is would increase the cost to about \$104,000. We have, however, been able to accomplish all that we planned, except the starting of a room for mentally weak children. This has been delayed because the state authorities, having the matter of mental examinations in charge, have not as yet found time to make the required tests. We are, therefore, well within our estimate.

I am pleased to state that the recommendations of the committee, as regards the River st. school, have been approved by the town, and the following articles were all unanimously voted:

TOWN MEETING MARCH 5. 1923.

To see if the town will vote to erect a four-room school building on land owned by the town on River st, and to authorize the school committee to procure plans and working drawings to be prepared in anticipation of the enlargement of said building at some future time, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 1923

Voted, that the article be referred to a committee consisting of Messrs William C. Lewis and Arthur O. Boyer and Mrs George W. Silk, and to authorize said committee to procure plans, working drawings etc., and to submit the same with a report at a future town meeting.

TOWN MEETING HELD JULY 27, 1923

To hear the report of the special committee appointed under article 19 of the annual town meeting, held March 5, 1923, in reference to the school building on land owned by the town on River st, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Voted, unanimously, that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$35.000, for the purpose of erecting a 4-room brick school building on land owned by the town on River st, and of the said amount to be raised and appropriated the town accountant is hereby authorized to transfer from Excess and Deficiency account to the account of River st. school, the sum of \$10.000, and the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow the sum of \$25.000, and to give the note or notes of the town therefor, one half of said amount to be paid within one year from the date of said note or notes, and the balance within two years of the date of same, with interest at the lowest rate obtainable. Said school building shall be erected in accordance with the plans submitted by the River st. school committee, so-called, and under the direction and supervision of the following committee:- Mrs. Mary A. Silk, William C. Lewis, Arthur O. Boyer, Joseph V. Laughnane, J. Arthur Generoux, and Pierre Lafortue.

TOWN MEETING HELD DECEMBER 12, 1923

Voted, unanimously, that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$7.000 to be added to the River st account.

The building committee has recently awarded the contract for the erection of the building to F. X. Laliberte

& Son, the lowest bidder, and expect it will be ready for occupancy in September.

During the past year the machine room of the Vocational school has been thoroughly equipped, partly by purchase of new machinery and partly by loans from the American Optical Co.. Mr. Armstrong, agent of the Hamilton Woolen Co., is now fitting up a room in the basement of the Vocational school with machinery so that we can give better instruction in spinning yarns and weaving cloth.

The Continuation School has likewise been equipped with suitable woodworking machinery.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph V. Laughnane, Chairman

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Southbridge:—

I have the pleasure to present to you my twenty second annual report, it being the thirty-ninth of the series of reports issued by the superintendent's of the public schools of this town. Throughout this report the year relative to attendance extends from September 1922 to July 1923; the year relative to expenditures from January 1, 1923 to January 1, 1924.

STATISTICS—1. Population and Valuation

Population of town, census of 1920	14,245
Assessed valuation of town	\$11,423 010
Number of polls, male	4415
Rate of taxation	\$33.00
Valuation of school houses and lots	441,400.00
Valuation of other school property	\$31,810.00

II. School Houses

School houses, occupied	11
School houses, unoccupied	0
School rooms, occupied	55
School rooms, unoccupied	1
Number of sittings	1945

III. Teachers

Number of male teachers	8
Number of female teachers	50
Number of special teachers, female	3

Numbr of tachers in evening schools male 3, female, 22	25
IV. Pupils	
Number of teachers in evening schools the census enumerator:	25
	1922 1923
Between the ages of 5 and 16	3134 3156
Between the ages of 5 and 7	542 561
Between the ages of 14 and 16	519 534
Between the ages of 6 and 7	542 561
Total enrollment Sept to June	1535 1627
Average membership	1411 1473
Average daily attendance	1328 1393
Number between 5 and 7	160 142
Number between 7 and 14	1001 1046
Number between 14 and 16	231 311
Number over 16 years of age	113 128
Number enrolled at Notre Dame	717 709
Number between 5 and 7	94 65
Number between 7 and 14	586 579
Number between 14 and 16	37 65
Number over 16	0 0
Average membership	677 654
Average attendance	630 627
Number of teachers	14 12
Number enrolled at Sacred Heart	489 432
Number between 5 and 7	82 58
Number between 7 and 14	304 . . . 346
Number between 14 and 16	51 28
Number over 16 years of age	0 0
Average membership	458 418
Average attendance	442 . . . 403
Number of teachers	9 9
Number enrolled at St. Mary's	194 . . . 203
Number between 5 and 7	17 25
Number between 7 and 14	134 . . . 121
Number between 14 and 16	30 30
Average membership	193 192
Average attendance	176 178
Number of teachers	8 8
Cost Per Pupil	
Total expenses for the grades	\$71,644.79
Cost per pupil based on total enrollment	49.14
Cost per pupil based on average membership	55.56
Total expense for high school	19,462.82

Cost per pupil based on total enrollment	91.40
Cost per pupil based on average membership	103.87
Physical Tests	
Children examined	1527
Eyes defective	191
Ears defective	26
Parents notified	157

CHANGE OF TEACHERS—Resigned

March	Anna Steen	Grade IX
April	Etta Grant	Sandersdale
June	Dorothy Smith	Commercial
June	Mabel Jones	Commercial
June	Anthony Jason	Prin. Marcy st
June	Anna Coderre	Asst. Marcy st
June	Amy Gibbs	Drawing
June	Elizabeth Earls	Music
June	Charlotte Burns	Domestic science

APPOINTED

September	Myrtis Johnson	Commercial
September	John Doyle	Science
September	Louise Corbin	Domestic science
September	Grace Noyes	Grade VIII
September	Agnes Cox	Grade VIII
September	Pauline Roy	Lebanon Hill
September	Eliza Beighe	Grade I
September	Alice Laflin	Sandersdale
September	Mary Koralewski	Drawing
September	Doris Sweet	Music

CORPS OF TEACHERS, JANUARY 1, 1924

	1st Appt.	Grade	Educated
F. E. Corbin	1886	Supt.	Williams' Col.
High			
*John T. Gibbons	1921	Science	Harvard Univ.
Eloise Crocker	1912	Mathematics	Boston Univ.
Ethel F. Putnam	1922	Latin	Middlebury
Kathryn H. Finnegan	1922	French, Spanish	Middlebury
Mary D. Sullivan	1922	English	Boston Univ.
Apolline Aucoin	1920	Commercial	Post Bus. Col.
Catherine O'Donnell	1923	Commercial	Fitchburg Nor.
John Doyle	1923	Science	Bridgewater Nor.
Myrtis Johnson	1923	Commercial	Simmons' Col.
Vocational			
*James Forbes	1919	Drawing	London, Eng. Tech

George Miller	1923	Textiles	
Nils Engstrom	1920	Electricity	Amherst A. C.
Robert Kingston	1922	Shop Inst.	
Continuation			
*Frederick Vantura	1920		Hyannis Normal
Frank T. Winston	1922		Tufts
Mary Meagher	1887		Southbridge High
Jean Russell	1920		Willimantic Normal
Main Street			
*Laura Desmarais	1922	VIII	St. Anne's Acad.
Elizabeth Hall	1916	IX	Colby
Grace Noyes	1923	VIII	Putnam High
Agnes Cox	1923	VIII	Univ. of Virginia
Blanche Merchant	1922	VII	Framingham Nor.
Elizabeth MacManamy	1922	VII	Worcester Nor.
May Cole	1922	VII	Worcester Nor.
Blanche Harwood	1903	VI	Southbridge High
Mabel Joy	1915	VI	Westfield Nor.
Bertha Wallace	1922	VI	Hyannis Nor.
Marcy Street			
*Mary Boardman	1891	II	Southbridge High
Annie Marcy	1900	V	Worcester Nor.
May Simpson	1911	V	Worcester Nor.
Maud Forsythe	1910	V	
Mary Silk		IV	Worcester Nor.
Irene Gough	1914	III	School of Dom. Science
Mary Chase	1906	III	Home School
Bertha Foley	1912	II	Worcester Nor.
Alice Wixted	1921	Asst.	Southbridge High
Mechanic Street			
*Jennie Munroe	1905	IV	Bridgewater Nor.
Julia Morrill	1914	III	St. Joseph's Nor.
Jane Farquhar	1887	II	Quincy Training
Mabel Chamberlain	1902	I	Southbridge High
School Street			
*Agnes Meagher	1886	IV	Southbridge High
Bertha Harwood	1901	III	Southbridge High
Mary Prendergast	1918	II	Southbridge High
Jeannette Stone	1898	I	Southbridge High
Fire Station			
*Mabel LeClair	1892	V	Southbridge High
Catherine Kelly	1921	VI	Worcester Nor.
River Street			
*Mary Ellis	1882	I	Southbridge High
Edith Randall	1920	II	Southbridge High

Julia Moriarty	1921	III	St. Joseph's Nor.
Elm Street			
Mary McCabe	1890	I	Quincy Training
Sandersdale			
Alice Laflin	1923	I-II-III	Worcester Nor.
Dennison			
Stella Gay	1907	I-VI	Southbridge High
Lebanon Hill			
Pauline Roy	1923	I-VIII	Westfield Nor.
Mary Koralewsky	1923	Drawing	Normal Art School
Doris Swett	1923	Music	Lowell Normal
Louise Corbin		Dom. Science	Wheaton
Margaret Butler	1892	Asst.	Southbridge High
Helen Rowley		Substitute	Wellesley

STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS

School Year Ending July 1, 1923

	Bys	Gls	Tot.	Tot.	Aver.	Aver.	P. C.
					Mem.	Daily	Mem.
							of At.
						Att.	
High School	90	123	213	213	178.24	187.36	96.75
High School IX	26	33	59	60	44.81	47.96	91.91
High School VII-VIII	18	23	41	47	38.52	40.98	93.94
High School III-IV	19	24	43	43	39.43	42.12	93.63
Marcy Street VIII	23	34	57	61	42.86	45.49	94.15
Marcy Street VII E	36	27	63	63	45.65	48.159	94.87
Marcy Street VII W	39	23	62	57	46.14	49.	94.16
Marcy Street VI E	18	28	46	46	40.57	44.32	91.50
Marcy Street VI W	22	24	46	49	41.55	43.81	94.86
Marcy Street VE	34	28	62	62	53.2	56.44	94.825
Marcy Street V W	31	24	54	56	50.02	53.25	92.28
Marcy Street IV	34	18	52	50	44.62	47.03	94.87
Engine House VI	12	23	35	35	31.80	32.61	97.52
Engine House V	27	17	44	45	36.45	38.85	93.74
Mechanic Street IV	26	26	52	57	47.74	50.01	95.03
School Street IV	18	16	34	36	30.14	31.41	95.99
Main Street III	27	18	45	50	45.31	47.34	94.65
Mechanic Street III	29	30	59	61	49.56	51.25	96.33
School Street III	13	15	28	28	26.37	27.24	96.78
River Street III-IV	29	18	47	43	34.10	38.89	97.26
Main Street II E	23	23	46	48	42.13	44.87	93.35
Mechanic Street II	22	27	49	51	44.31	45.46	97.48
School Street II	15	22	37	38	30.65	30.83	96.33
River Street II	8	11	19	22	17.80	18.46	96.42

	Bys	Gls	Tot.	Tot.	Aver.	Aver.	P. C.
			Mem.	Daily	Mem.	of At.	Att.
Main Street I-II	18	14	32	32	26.72	28.64	93.50
Main Street I	20	30	50	46	42.97	45.13	94.08
Mechanic Street I	27	25	52	60	49.19	52.08	94.81
School Street I	21	25	46	50	39.14	42.33	92.61
River Street I	16	37	53	53	48.31	49.44	97.72
Elm Street I	18	19	37	38	30.92	33.14	93.
Sandersdale I-II	18	14	32	35	30.71	33.35	92.08
Dennison I-IV	8	4	12	15	10.51	10.89	96.56
Lebanon Hill	7	8	15	21	14.71	16.68	85.25
	792.	831.	1623.	1671.	1395.16	1474.81	94.49
Continuation School	146	162	308	310	37.183	191.165	97.25
Vocational School	38		38	74	39.1	40.	97.7
	184	162	346	384	38.141	115.58	97.47
Evening Schools							
High	34	140	174	174	120.21	140.74	85.41
Mechanic Street	105	22	127	127	76.25	93.78	80.13
River Street	21	34	55	56	44.88	49.47	94.12
	160	196	356	357	80.44	94.66	86.55
Total Membership of All Schools							
						2412	

ENROLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE, April 1, 1923—Boys**A g e**

Grade	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Tot.
1		2	54	59	13	4	4	1											137
2			2	30	31	11	3	2	1	3	2	1	1						87
3				9	35	23	13	5	4	3	1	1							94
4					11	35	26	12	10	5	5	5							109
5						4	20	27	15	13	8	6							93
6							4	11	9	11	10	5	3						63
7								6	21	31	19	6	2						85
8								1	6	10	8	8	1	1					35
9									4	11	8	3							26
10										8	18	10	4						40
11											6	7	8	4	3				28
12											2	5	9	3	1				20
13																1		1	
14																1		1	
Total	2	56	98	90	77	70	65	66	88	88	59	27	14	6	2	1		809	

ENROLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE, April 1, 1923—Girls

Grade	Age																					Tot
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
1		5	71	37	12	3																129
2			4	37	29	17	4	3	3													98
3				5	27	22	10	11	3			1	1									80
4					9	34	17	16	8	6	2	1										93
5						3	21	14	10	9	2	9	2									70
6							4	19	17	16	8	9										73
7								3	15	20	21	4	2									65
8									4	10	16	9										39
9										5	20	4	5									34
10										5	16	12	14	2								49
11											3	17	13	6								39
12												3	7	4	4	2						20
13												2	6	6	1							15
14																						
Total	5	75	79	77	79	56	66	61	71	90	69	45	18	10	3							804
Grand Total	7131177167156126131127159178128	72	32	16	5	1																1613

SCHOOL SAVING

In the last report we stated that 'This has been the most successful year in school savings since the system was aggregated in 1912.' The same statement will apply to the year just closed, the savings having amounted to \$5.693.44, an increase of thirty one and a half percent.

The report of the American Bankers' Association for the school year of 1922—1923 gives but three places in the United States with a higher average of deposits.

Jamaica Plain, Mass., \$9.56; Evanston, Ill. \$9.05; Providence, R. I., \$8.75; Southbridge, Mass. \$8.38

There may be places not reporting to the American Bankers' Association, but I consider it a great credit to the teaching of thrift here that we, seemingly rank 4th in the United States in school savings.

The following is the amount of deposits for the year ending Oct. 31, 1923:-

Marcy Street Elementary	\$1.490.54
Main Street School	556.45
Mechanic Street School	734.69
School Street School	1.294.69
Engine House School	528.09
River Street School	838.27
Marcy Street Grammar	189.12

Town Hall	61.59
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Number enrolled depositors	\$5.693.44
Number enrolled depositors	667
Number of deposits	667
Number of deposits	9747
Transferred to pass books	9747
Previously deposited	\$4.309.34
Total depcsits	\$16.663.35
Average deposits 1922	\$20.972.69
Average deposits 1923	\$7.67
	\$8.38

THE YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS

- I. The completion of the sixteen room addition to the High school., and the transfer of all grades above the fifth, together with the Vocational and Continuation schools to this building, and the full equipment of these schools.
- II. The beginning of grading the Dresser st lot for an athletic field. While this work was under the charge of a special committee, the placing of the article in the "Warrant" came from the school department, and the primary reason for the purchase of the lot was the need for an athletic field for the schools.
- III. The course in Psychology given by Prof. Averill of the Worcester Normal school, which was well attended, and from which 21 of our teachers received certificates.
- IV. The record of perfect attendance in our day schools eighty five pupils, and thirty in the evening schools, being an unusually large number for our schools.
- V. A dental clinic for school children was installed in the Town Hall building by the Board of Health and the first work began Oct. 1. The dentists of the town are appointed in turn for a month
- VI. The hearty co-operation of the American Legion, Woman's club, and the public generally, in assisting to make the first observance of "Education Week" a success.

CHANGES IN GRADES

Beginning in September 1924 the schools will be graded on an eight year basis.

This custom originated in the middle west and has gradually be taken up in this state. Now about three fourths of the towns have adopted the system.

It will, of course, considerably increase the number of pupils in the high school. Last year one hundred pupils entered, and next September the class will probably number one hundred and fifty.

This will probably require one or two more teachers in the high school.

NEW BUILDING

The addition to the high school building of sixteen rooms was completed in time for the fall term.

This addition relieves the congestion that has hampered school work for several years.

The grades above the fifth are housed here, together with the Vocational and Continuation schools. The latter schools have been equipped with a full complement of machinery suitable for their respective lines of work

The following letter was received from Robert O. Small, State Director of Vocational Education.

“On the basis of the reports of my agents, I wish to compliment you and the Town of Southbridge on the completion of your new Vocational school. This is a credit to the town and school authorities, and particularly to Director Forbes. Drawing-room is, without doubt, equal to any in the state. The other rooms are excellent and well appointed.

The provision for wood-work for the Continuation school is excellent.”

The increasing of the facilities for teaching has greatly increased the attendance of the evening classes

The following letter of approval was received from Director Small

“I am writing to notify you that the establishment of a Course in Machine Shop Practice, and of a Course in Worsted Spinning at the Southbridge evening Industrial School, Southbridge, Mass., has been approved in accordance with the plans set forth and submitted in memoranda on file in the office of the Division of Vocational Education in the Department of Education.

“I wish to notify the School Committee of the

Southbridge Evening Vocational School of Southbridge, Mass., that if these plans be carried out as submitted, the work in these courses will be given approval, and the Town of Southbridge recommended for reimbursement under the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General laws.

Respectfully submitted,
F. E. Corbin.

IN MEMORIAM

Alice Holmes

APPOINTED

September 1878

Died

April Nine, 1923

Southbridge, Mass., Jan. 3, 1924.

Mr. E. F. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you my second annual report of progress and conditions at the Mary E. Wells High School.

School opened September 4 with an enrollment of 195 and has since increased to 199 which is 11 less than last year's total. This decrease in enrollment coupled with the fact that we have nearly the whole of the high school building for our use, has relieved the crowded condition which existed last year. The use of the entire building for the high school work has made it possible to conduct each class in a room by itself. Such freedom heretofore has not been possible because of the presence of "study pupils" in each room. Now, where we have separate rooms for the purpose of study and separate rooms for class recitation, we find the work much more desirable and more convenient for both teachers and pupils, as it does away with the distractions naturally brought about where a class is being conducted and students are trying to study at the same time.

CHANGE IN TEACHING CORPS

The only changes in the teaching corps were the substitution of Miss Myrtis Johnson in the Commercial Department for Miss Dorothy Smith. In music, Miss Doris Swett has taken the place of Mrs. Elizabeth Shaughnessy. Mr. John J. Doyle is an addition to the faculty, teaching Science and directing athletics. Miss Koralewsky has taken Miss Gibbs' place in Drawing. Miss Corbin has succeeded Miss Burns in Domestic Science. That there were a few changes in the faculty is worthy of note. If we are to have a school of a high standard we must fight against frequent changes in the teaching staff because short tenure is diametrically opposed to the maintenance of high scholastic standards.

It is a pleasure to note that many of the teachers on our staff, in order that they might improve professionally, have taken courses in University Extension work and not a few attended Summer School sessions.

VISUAL EDUCATION

That Moving Pictures are recognized as a good method of instruction is seen in the extensive use now being

made of them in most of the better schools. Since we are fortunately well equipped for this kind of work we have started on a program which will bring to the students some of the best films in Literature, History, Art, and Science.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Two of our last year's functions, the Operetta "All at Sea" and the Senior Play were indeed fine tributes to the spirit of the pupils and also of the coaches of these plays. This fall the Junior Play was also a success.

Under the direction of the music supervisor the high school orchestra was reorganized and has made fine progress.

A mixed Glee Club of eighty-five members has also been organized and likewise has gotten away to a very good start.

The school paper, "The Crimson and Gray" is functioning as usual. After three years of hard work the paper is now on a firm financial basis. This was due in a great measure to the fine work of Osborne Tabor.

In athletics we had a successful basketball team. We also started a track team of some twenty-five members. In baseball, although not a successful contender for honors, we laid the foundation for a better year. Football was played here for the first time in several years and through the good work of Mr. Doyle, enjoyed a successful season.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the American Optical Company, the Hamilton Woolen Company, and the Y. M. C. A. for their kindness in putting at our disposal the use of their property. It is indeed unfortunate that we have no place of our own for sports of any kind. A school of this size really requires at least a gymnasium for its use and we hope that it will be possible to have one in the near future.

LEAVING SCHOOL

Of last year's entrance class of 100 but 60 have returned to the school this year, and of this total probably about 30 will be graduated. This seems to be true of each which enters the school, and although it is not by any means, a problem of this particular institution, it seems that we lose more pupils than the average school. The chief reason our children leave school is that most

of the parents desire to have money brought into the house by the child as soon as he is fourteen. It is indeed too bad that parents do not realize the value of a high school education.

EDUCATION WEEK

Advantage was taken of Education Week this year to introduce our school system to parents by conducting an afternoon school session in the evening. Parents were invited to visit us and success of the plan was indeed gratifying as some 220 mothers and fathers and friends took advantage of the opportunity to see the working of the school at first hand. It was a revelation to many and is the first step taken in an effort to prevent children from leaving school before graduating.

IMPROVEMENTS IN SCHOOL

A lunch room has been made out of the small exercise room. Students in the entire building who have to carry their lunches must eat there, and they have an opportunity to purchase hot soup and cocoa at cost. A teacher is on duty during the noon hour.

A school library has been started. One of the great needs has been and will continue to be that of supplementary reference books. Room 4 has been selected as the place for the library and this room is also used exclusively for study, where, as far as possible, all study pupils are seated so that they might have access to this miniature library of 300 volumes. It is, however, a beginning and by frequent additions will soon be worthy of the name "library."

The necessity of counselling children as to the type of course they should take has been recognized, and every boy and girl in the school was assigned to a faculty advisor, who endeavored to guide each child as wisely as possible in the choice of his work. Perhaps three children in one hundred know what they want to do. Not infrequently students have chosen courses which were contrary to their needs and consequently lost valuable time. By appointment of advisors we are trying to eliminate this condition.

Equipment of the school has been improved by the addition of 6 new typewriters, making a total of 22, a mimeograph, 11 new bookkeeping desks, a new filing cabinet and a fire-proof safe for records of both graduates and under-graduates.

An effort is being made by the use of pantomimes and readings to call to the students minds the necessity for some of the essential facts of every-day manners.

COURSES OF STUDY

Our courses of study, of which there are three, function as usual. The college preparatory course enables a student to meet the requirements of any college in the country. The general course is designed for those who are planning to enter Normal schools or enter such professions as nursing. The commercial course is so organized as to give, as far as possible, the fundamentals of modern business.

GRADUATES

The class of 1923 was graduated June 28 with 25 members, 10 of whom are in higher institutions of learning and are distributed in the following manner: One is at Brown; one at Clarke; one at Dartmouth; one at Notre Dame; one at Pratt Institute; one at St. Lawrence; one at Springfield Y. M. C. A; one at Tufts Pre-Dental; one at Wellesley; one at West Point; the remaining members of the class are distributed chiefly among the local industries. Of the post-graduates last year, one has entered Massachusetts Agricultural College; one has entered Radcliffe; and one has entered Worcester Polytechnical School.

That we should have pupils who are accepted directly from the high school by some of the best institutions of learning is worthy of note. We continue to enjoy the certificating privilege of New England College Entrance Board. We also enjoy the privilege of certifying our graduates to such schools as Dartmouth, Worcester Polytechnical school and to the institutions which do not come under the New England College Entrance Board. Moreover, this year we have been granted the privilege of certifying pupils, who stand in the first seventh of their class upon graduating, to either Harvard or Radcliffe. We have also received the privilege of certifying pupils directly to West Point Academy. This privilege was granted by the United States Bureau of Education, and it means that pupils entering West Point from our school who have done the work of certifying grade, will not have to take the final mental examinations to West Point.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

Graduation took place in the Town Hall June 28, 1923. The program was as follows:

PRAYER

Rev. Charles R. Tenney

PILGRIM'S CHORUS Wagner
Glee Club

SALUTATORY

Frank Quincy Goodell

ADDRESS. "Development of One's Personality"
Marshall L. Perrin, Ph. D.

"THE SUN WORSHIPERS" Indian Melody
Glee Club

VALEDICTORY

Iola May Shead

SOLDIER'S CHORUS Gounod
Glee Club

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Chairman of the School Committee

BENEDICTION

I wish to thank the School Committee and yourself for your hearty cooperation and interest in the school. To the teachers and pupils I wish also to extend my thanks for their willing co-operation and kindness. It is indeed a very essential spirit and has made the work both profitable and pleasant.

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. GIBBONS, Principal

Southbridge, Mass.

Mr. E. F. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that I submit my seventh annual report of the Evening High School.

The term, which opened Sept. 17, 1923, ran 40 nights, closing Dec. 20, 1923. The sessions were held in the Mary E. Wells High School Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8.30 o'clock. There were 174 pupils enrolled, 34 men and 140 women; of this number 29 students were registered for 7th, 8th or 9th grade subjects.

The enrollment by classes follows: Typewriting 51; shorthand 43; bookkeeping 28; English composition 9; elementary English 25; French 11; Spanish 10; Arithmetic 28; algebra 5; chemistry 5; cooking 25, sewing 33.

In all departments class instruction was supplemented by individual help so that each pupil progressed as rapidly as previous training or ability permitted. The typewriting classes were instructed in changing ribbons, stencil cutting, use of carbon paper and mimeograph, besides typewriting. In shorthand a beginning and an advanced course in the Gregg system, also an advanced course in the Pitmanic shorthand were offered. The bookkeeping classes had practice in elementary and wholesale budgets, many of the pupils adding to their faithful class work much home work. Conversational French and Spanish were each given in two courses, one for beginners, another for advanced students. The work of the cooking class included care of kitchen utensils, gas range, dining room; study of correct measurements, food values, etc; cooking of beverages, fruits, cereals, quick breads, batters and doughs, pastry, cakes, soups, and fish; making salads, candies and frozen desserts; planning menus, and serving meals in our attractive little dining room. As many of the girls in the sewing class had taken previous courses in sewing in the Evening School several difficult projects were worked out: wool, silk and velvet dresses were constructed, coats and dresses were remodeled, children's clothes were made; while underwear, kimonas and simple articles were completed by the beginners. The addition of a new sewing machine was greatly appreciated in this course. The work in every department has been of a practical, intensive order, while an efficient corps of teachers and an earnest student body made it a

success. Much of your principal's work has been of an advisory nature, including vocational guidance voluntarily sought by a large number of pupils.

For the first time certificates, indicating number of hours, satisfactory work and courses completed were awarded to students who had attended at least eighty per cent of the classes, with a scholarship rank of eighty per cent or over; ninety-two pupils received these certificates.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation for the splendid co-operation of the School Committee, Superintendent, teachers and pupils in promoting the welfare of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. MEAGHER.

SOUTHBRIDGE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Vocational High School Building Telephone 763-W
Southbridge, Mass.

SESSIONS

School—8.30 to 11.30 A. M. and 1.00 to 3.00 P. M.
Eight-hour day during shop week and one-half day on Saturday.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Summer vacation, two weeks.

Classes at school close on legal holidays.

Classes at factories follow the practice of the American Optical Co. and the Hamilton Woolen Co.

ORGANIZATION—School Committee

J. Arthur Genereux	Pierre Lafourture
Joseph Laughnane	A. E. Lapierre
Joseph Flood	Hector L. Peloquin

ADVISORY BOARD—Textile Division

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Richard Yates, Overseer, Carding, Combing.

MACHINE DIVISION.

Royal Parkinson, Employment Manager, American Optical Company; A. E. Maynard, Supt. Main Machine Shop, American Optical Company.

.... Secretary and Executive Officer.
Fred E. Corbin, Superintendent of Schools.

FACULTY.

Director, James Forbes, 40 Everett st, Tel. 623-W
Machinist Instructor, Robert S. Kingston, 21 Coombs st,
Telephoe, 103-W.

Textile Instructor, Alfred G. Miller, 159 Main st.

*Academic Instructor, Nils Engstrom, Coombs st.

Shop Foreman, Walter K. Armstrong, Quinebaug, Conn.

Secretary, Margaret R. Connolly, 8 South st, Tel. 87-W.

*Also Instructor of Electrical Work.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR.

Southbridge Vocational School.

For The Year Ending December 31, 1923.

Mr. F. E. Corbin,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I have the following information to submit in connection with the Vocational School:

Sixty three boys were enrolled during the year.

In school at the end of the year	35
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Graduated	10
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Withdrawals entering industry trained for	6
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Withdrew to other occupations	8
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Dropped from school as being unfitted	0
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Re-entered day schools	1
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Moved from Town	3
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The past year has seen the school moved from its old quarters in the Town Hall to the new building in the rear of the High School.

We feel grateful to the town for providing us with these rooms and equipment which means so much toward the efficient training of our boys.

In the equipping of the various rooms, valuable assistance has been given the school by the American Optical Co. and the Hamilton Woolen Co. through donations of machinery and supplies.

The generosity and co-operation of these two industries have made the school possible and their continued interest and support guarantees a larger and better institution in the years to come.

The assistance rendered by the teachers and the boys in building, repairing and setting-up equipment during the process of getting settled enabled us to save additional expense as well as to hurry along the work of adjustment.

COURSE IN MACHINE SHOP PRACTICE

The class which graduated in April contained seven machinists and all of these boys with the exception of one, who entered a business college, have remained with the American Optical Co. and are working at their trade.

This record speaks well for the training which the boys received in the school.

During the year, the American Optical Co. has furnished the services of a shop foreman at no expense to the school, and this has enabled the machine instructor to devote more time to the teaching of each boy and has also resulted in a closer check up of the work leaving the department.

With the opportunity afforded by the machine equipment in the school, we have been able to do a great deal of practical work, of a non-productive nature, which has enabled our boys to obtain a broader understanding and appreciation of the machinist trade.

The science equipment has also been of great value in enabling the boy to reason the "why and wherefore" of machine construction.

In order to develop and maintain this training we must be constantly adding to our equipment from year to year. At the present time we possess the following machine tools and science equipment:

List of Equipment in Machine Laboratory

One No. 11½ Universal Rockford Milling Machine, One 12 in. Vernon Lathe, One 12 in. Hendey Lathe, One 13 in. Blaisdell Lathe, One Prentice Bench Lathe, One American Bench Lathe, One 20 in. Hoosier Drill, One Junior Bench Drill, One 16 in. Stockbridge Shaper, One Federal Planer 2 foot stroke, One Bench Grinder, One Blundell Disc Grinder, One Blount 2-wheel Grinder, One 12 in. Power Hack Saw, One No. 3 Greenerd Arbor

Press, One Horton Bench Press, One No. 230 Buffalo Forge, One Gas Furnace and One Blacksmith Anvil.

List of Science Equipment

One Cam Development Machine, One Lead Demonstrator, One Change Gear Demonstrator, One Friction Tester, One Worm Gear Machine, One Platform Scale and One Testing Machine (under construction.)

These machines along with the large variety of small tool equipment makes our machine shop an efficient and valuable addition to the boy's mechanical training.

I take pleasure in appending report of Mr. A. E. Maynard, Mechanical Superintendent, American Optical Co., who kindly inspected the equipment after it had been set up and the room completed.

REPORT OF Mr. A. E. MAYNARD

Supt. Main Machine Shop, American Optical Co.

Mr. James Forbes, Principal

Southbridge Vocational School, Southbridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Forbes:

From my recent inspection of the machine shop in the Vocational School building, I have the following statements to make:

- 1st That the machine tools are of the most modern type.
- 2nd That the general lay-out of the room is well adapted to giving instruction in machine work and tool making.
- 3rd That the benefits to be derived from such an equipment, by both day and evening students, are to be measured in terms of "opportunity" rather than of the dollar invested.

The introduction of industrial methods to the average school has always been a hard problem for the educator. I was pleased to see that the work was being carried on as it would be in a manufacturing establishment.

I was particularly well pleased with the attention to detail which characterized the lay-out, such as the tool crib, the location of the machines and the numerous small conveniences which go to make up the real shop.

The boy who is trained along careless lines will become a careless workman and this attention to detail goes

a long way toward helping the boy become a good workman.

Since the chief aim of our company is to help conserve the human eye, I was naturally interested to note the excellent lighting facilities which have been provided throughout the school, the individual lights at the machines and on the benches leave nothing to be desired in the shape of illumination.

The American Optical Co., by virtue of its resources, is able to further industrial education in a big way financially, and is willing to do so because all educational work along mechanical lines inevitably leads to greater production, which in turn reflects greater prosperity to the industries and to the community.

January 10, 1924.

Mr. James Forbes:

I believe we are all convinced that the training of apprentices in our vocational school is conducted at a loss to the Company during period of training, but from the showing made by the boys who have graduated and gone to work in our machine shops, I feel that this loss is more than compensated by having boys trained in our own plant, familiar with our methods of manufacturing and willing to link their fortunes with that of our company.

Consequently, the training of local boys in our own school presents a problem in "deferred value" both to the company and the community which I am afraid would be difficult to estimate.

The floater in industry is a real issue in manufacturing plants, any means which tends to stabilize employment, such as the establishment of real trade training, helps eliminate this element and in turn benefits the industry and the town. Our vocational school has demonstrated this fact, and it affords me a great deal of satisfaction to be able to make this statement.

The local industries cannot help but benefit from the evening school and in our own case, I feel that it will be specially helpful to our employees.

Here is an opportunity to meet the problem of evening instruction in our town in a practical way, without making serious inroads on school finances, and at the same time raise the status of mechanical education.

The citizens of Southbridge have every reason to be proud of their Americanization, Evening, High and Vocational schools. I believe their worth to the town is not appreciated.

As a factor in the development of Southbridge, the schools have my hearty endorsement.

Yours very truly,

Signed, A. E. MAYNARD,
Mechanical Supt., American Optical Co.

COURSE IN WORSTED MANUFACTURE

The class which graduated in April consisted of nine boys of which five are at work in the mills of the Hamilton Woolen Co.

One boy is attending the local High School preparatory to entering the Lowell Textile school, and another boy is attending the South High school in Worcester. The other two boys are not working at the textile industry

I take pleasure in giving report from Mr. E. Benj. Armstrong concerning the Vocational School:

Mr. James Forbes, Southbridge Vocational School,
Southbridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have been interested in having prepared a record of the boys who have gone to the Vocational school and gotten through for one reason or another, including graduation, and am sending you herewith copy of a summary of this study.

It appears to me that the record is not a poor one, taking everything into account, and I think the company has certainly profited thus far from the experience we have had with the Vocational school.

I did not compile the data of boys who attended the school less than one year, thinking that their experience with the school would not have made this particularly valuable.

Yours truly,

Signed, E. BENJ. ARMSTRONG.

Records of Boys Who Have Attended the Vocational School and Left on Account of Graduation or Other Cause Since the Opening of the School

Graduates —Now employed by Hamilton Woolen Co.	5
Continued education in High or Advanced schools	4
Employed elsewhere	2
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Attended School Year or More —Now employed by Hamilton Woolen Co.	4
Transferred to High School	1
Employed elsewhere	6
	—11
Attended School Less Than One Year	23
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The installation of some pieces of textile machinery in the school building has marked a forward step in the development of the textile course.

This was made possible through the co-operation of the Hamilton Woolen Co. who have agreed to loan us the necessary equipment.

At the present time we are installing the following machines: One Crompton & Knowles Box Loom, One 48 in. Dobby Stafford, One 40 in. K Model Draper and One 8-spindle Cap Spinning Frame.

COURSE IN ELECTRICAL WORK

At the present time we have four boys enrolled in this course.

Numerous applications have been received but we have been unable to place boys who wish to take up the electrical trade.

It is a question if we ought not to try to give instruction in school to boys who apply for this class of work.

Respectfully submitted,

Southbridge Vocational School,

JAMES FORBES, Director.

SOUTHBIDGE EVENING INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

SESSIONS

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 7.00 to 9.00 P. M.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Forty nights Classes close on legal holidays

ORGANIZATION—School Committee

J. Arthur Genereux Pierre Lafortune
Joseph Laughnane A. E. LaPierre
Joseph Flood Hector L. Peloquin

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W. A. Gunning, Chief Draftsman, A. O. Co.

Machinist Instructor.

Adolph Prahm, Foreman Machinist, A. O. Co.

Industrial Mathematics Instructor,

Nils Engstrom, Southbridge Vocational School

Worsted Manufacture Instructor,

Alfred G. Miller, Southbridge Vocational School

Loomfixing Instructor, Engineering Division, Third Ward, H. H. G.

Eugene Lusignan, Third Hand. H. W. Co.

Herbert Peters. Second Hand.

EVENING INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Two new courses have been added to the evening trade extension classes namely, Worsted Spinning and

The courses now being offered and the enrollment in these classes are as follows

Course	Enrollment
Mechanical Drawing	20
Machine Shop Practice	9
Industrial Mathematics	7
Worsted Manufacture	12
Worsted Spinning	10
Loomfixing	17

The Evening class in Loomfixing has been one of the most successful trade extension classes that we have run. It has been composed of men who were either loomfixers or who had the ambition to become loomfixers.

We have been able to train several men as loomfixers who have obtained employment at this trade in the mill and who would never have become loomfixers had it not been for the school. The benefit to the men who already were loomfixers is noteworthy since it has improved their knowledge and made them more valuable to themselves and to the mill.

The class in Spinning has proved successful during its first year and will, become larger as more spinning and drawing machinery is added to the course.

Our ultimate goal in textile work must be the turning out of a product rather than the teaching of a process and in order to do this we must have the necessary equipment.

The class in Worsted Manufacture which deals largely with the theory of textiles first organized four years ago, has always been a steady class and has filled a real need in the evening class work.

In Mechanical Drawing, the class has been large and well attended and with the fine equipment available this class will always be in great demand.

This class designed and made the assembly and detail drawings for a testing machine; the patterns are now being built at the Springfield Vocational school and the machine is under construction in our Evening Machine Shop.

The evening class in Machine work, which has just been opened for the first time is a new addition to the evening courses and has proved its value. The great drawback to this class is the fact that we have had to

limit the enrollment due to lack of enough machine tools. A grinder, an engine lathe, and a bench lathe as well as the necessary small tools would add greatly to the efficiency of this course in another year.

Respectfully submitted,

Southbridge Evening Industrial School,
JAMES FORBES, Director.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

The graduating exercises of the Southbridge Vocational school were held in the Town Hall, Wednesday evening, April 25. The program of the exercises and list of the graduates are as follows:

PROGRAM

OVERTURE

Vocational School Orchestra

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools

VIOLIN SOLO

Armand Simeone

ADDRESS

Mr. A. B. Wells, Treasurer A. O. Co.

FLUTE SOLO

Leonard Spinelli

ADDRESS

Mr. E. Benj. Armstrong, Agent H. W. Co.

SELECTION

Vocational School Orchestra

ADDRESS

Mr. Robert O. Small, Deputy Com. of Education

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Mr. Joseph V. Laughnane, Chairman School Committee

SELECTION

Vocational School Orchestra

GRADUATES—Machine Course

John George Lango	Armand Augusto Simeone
Ubald Arthur Lariviere	Silvanus Hayward Snell
James Daniel Ryan	Leonard Francesco Spinelli
	Rodolph Albert Trembley

Worsted Manufacture

John Bates	Heige Theodore Lindblad
Jesse Augustus Blackburn	Elbert Edward McKinstry
Tracy Fay Fairfield	Lionel Roch St. Onge
Eugene Napoleon Gregoire	Charles Hill Smith
Stuart Mason Tully	

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my fourth report of the Southbridge Continuation school.

We have enrolled during the year 190 boys and 214 girls.

On Sept. 4, 1923 the school opened with all classes housed in the new building with an enrollment of 122 boys and 134 girls, as against 84 boys and 92 girls on Sept. 5th of the previous year, representing an increase of 45 percent. Working conditions and the results for the boys are more encouraging for several reasons: A well-equipped shop solely for the use of the Continuation School boys; a regular classroom for the academic work; and a more satisfactory program, better co-operation, and general organization of the school, due to the above improved conditions.

The teaching staff remains the same. This situation made it possible to conduct our work with no interruption.

The policies of former years have been carried out. The academic work was pursued as usual, with the idea of making the boys and girls intelligent and useful citizens making the short time that they attend school as profitable to them as possible.

The Vocational work for the girls continues with increased interest and efficiency. Many young girls are going early in the industries with little knowledge of domestic duties. In the cooking classes, stress is laid upon the fact that health, strength, growth, and efficiency depend upon the proper kinds of foods, taken in the right amounts and proportions. The planning of a systematic budget for clothing and the home is taught. Practical measurements are applied to household arts and industries.

The course in Home Nursing teaches the fundamentals of home care for the sick and proper care and handling of children, emphasizing the importance of prevent-

tive measures of sanitation and health in the homes.

The course in Commercial work which has become so popular among the girls has been extended to the boys. Many pupils working in offices and stores find this course very helpful and in many cases have received an increase in pay.

The boys manifest a great desire to do shop work. In addition to the regular work, much repair work has been attended to, and school equipment, such as lunch tables, benches, umbrella stands, etc. has been made. Some toys were made and given to poor children as Christmas presents. This met with the approval of so many citizens that I suggest, that this type of work be extended next year.

The follow-up work to the homes and places of employment helps us to get acquainted with home and working conditions thus giving us a more intelligent working basis in dealing with our students. I am pleased to state that each year we find a closer relationship between the school and the homes and places of employment. However this particular feature of our work will be continued with increased effort. Through you we wish to thank the overseers of the Poor and the Woman's Club for the equipment they have so willingly loaned to the school; the employers for their splendid co-operation, citizens for the interest they have shown in this work and the School Board for their generosity in providing for us adequate shop facilities.

In closing, I wish to thank you for your interest and hearty co-operation, without which our work would lack much of its inspiration.

Respectfully submitted.

E. F. VANTURA, Director.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the annual custom I submit my report of the physical examination of school children for the year 1923.

Number of pupils examined 1301
This number includes the children in the following schools
Continuation School, Dennison District, High School, Jean
D'Arc, Marcy Street, School Street, St. Mary's.

Diagnosis of defects are as follows:

Tonsils hypertrophied	350
Obstruction in nose	8
Adenoids	3
Coryza	16
Bronchitis	1
Enlarged glands	52
Cardiac	5
Defective vision	80
Defective Hearing	17
Otitis media	1
Dermatitis	17
Impetigo contagiosa	4
Pediculosis	9
Malnutrition	59
Decayed teeth	1379
Scabies	2

Some of the defects have been corrected. The parents or guardians were notified of defects found. The children were weighed and measured under my supervision

During the month of December there has been an epidemic of the "mumps" which has caused a number of absentees from school. Many cases are not reported as the services of a physician are not called upon. It is my belief that if the number of communicable diseases is to be kept at a minimum and the number of absentees on account of these largely unnecessary diseases is to be reduced an early investigation by the school nurse would clear up at once the question of communicable disease.

The number of pupils are increasing, and the State requirement of a physical examination for each child demands much of the school physician's time. The services of the nurse at my disposal has been reduced from five mornings to three mornings per week on account of attendance at the dental clinic. I suggest the appointment of a full time school nurse which would facilitate the work

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. SIMPSON, M. D.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools

I hereby submit my report as school physician during the year 1923:

Number of children examined	1178
Dental caries	880

Enlarged tonsils	463
Enlarged glands	343
Adenoids	207
Defective vision	2
Corrected vision	34
Incurable eye defect	1
Nasal catarrh	5
Nasal obstruction	7
Diseases of ear	4
Valvular heart disease	16
Skin diseases	4
Malnutrition	110
Obesity	1
Congenital speech defects	7
Anemia	1
Spinal curvature	1
Mental deficiency	2

Dental caries was the defect most frequently encountered. During the year dental hygiene talks were given and the children were urged to obtain tooth brushes. Following the establishment of the children's dental clinic improvement has been noted, which serves to demonstrate the success of the clinic.

The general health of the school children has been found good only a few cases of body uncleanliness have been encountered. In these cases both the children and their parents were encouraged to overcome the condition.

I wish to thank the school nurse and the teachers for their co-operation and help in carrying out the examinations.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD K. BRIGHAM, M. D., School Physician.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools

I hereby submit my report as School Nurse for the year 1923:

Special attention has been given to the children who were 10% underweight.

In children, underweight generally means malnutrition due to insufficient food, too little rest or sleep, over exercise, a lack of ventilation in sleeping apartments, which destroys the appetite or some physical defect such as adenoids, or enlarged tonsils.

Malnutrition in children means a lowered resistance to disease. Children suffering from malnutrition are not as able as normal children to keep up their school work and other activities. In view of the fact every effort was made to discover those who were thus affected, and bring them back to normal physical condition.

This group of children has been weighed three times during the school year, and the following tables show that the majority have gained.

CHILDREN 10% UNDERWEIGHT

Marcy Street School

	Enroll.	June	Oct.	Dec.
Grade IV	46	2	2	0
Grade V (west)	52	2	1	1
Grade V (east)	47	8	6	3
Grade VI (west)	43	3	0	0
Grade VI (east)	38	1	0	0
Grade VII (west)	41	6	6	4
Grade VII (east)	40	1	1	0
Grade VIII	36	11	8	3
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Total	343	34 or 9%	24 or 7%	11 or 3%

Main Street School

Grade I	46	1	0	0
Grade II (east)	48	7	6	5
Grade II (west)	32	5	3	2
Grade III	50	8	4	0
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Total	176	21 or 12%	13 or 7%	7 or 4%

Mechanic Street School

Grade I	52	7	5	0
Grade II	47	9	6	3
Grade III	49	7	5	0
Grade IV	48	7	6	4
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Total	196	30 or 15%	22 or 11%	7 or 4%

Engine House School

Grade V	40	6	5	3
Grade VI	32	4	1	0
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Total	72	10 or 13%	6 or 8%	3 or 4%

	Enroll.	June	Oct.	Dec.
School Street School				
Grade I	38	8	6	2
Grade II	28	1	1	0
Grade III	27	5	2	0
Grade IV	32	4	4	2
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Total	125	18 or 14%	13 or 10%	4 or 3%
River Street School				
Grade I	48	7	6	4
Grade II	19	2	2	2
Grades III & IV	37	7	4	4
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Total	104	16 or 15%	12 or 12%	10 or 10%
Elm Street School				
Grade I	28	1 or 3%	0	0
High School Building				
Grade III	42	9 or 21%	7 or 17%	3 or 7%

The mid-morning luncheon of milk in the schools has proved its worth in the increased health and efficiency of the children. Most children are greatly benefited by the extra cup of milk.

The milk lunch could well be made a part of every school program.

Number of milk lunches served from October to December: At School Street 450, at Town Hall 1727, at Marcy Street 776, at Mechanic Street 1016, at River St. 360.

The organization of a dental clinic for the school children is the outstanding health feature of the past year. The clinic is held in the Town Hall building every Monday and Tuesday morning from 8:45 to 11:45. The children with a written permit from home come in turn to have any necessary work done. For the time being the dentists are trying to care for the children in the first three grades.

Number of children who reported at clinic	....	218
Number of children who had teeth cleaned	....	162
Number of extractions	.....	112
Number of fillings	.....	29
Number of treatments	.....	5

The routine physical examination was made by the school physicians assisted by the nurse. Parents were notified of defects and in most cases were anxious to avail

themselves of the clinics in town and elsewhere to correct defects found in their children.

Number of pupils examined	1439
Number visits for correction of defects	163
Number defects corrected	156

Sanitary inspections were made and health talks given in all the class rooms during the year.

Number of visits to Marcy Street	66
Number of visits to Main Street	39
Number of visits to Engine House	18
Number of visits to School St.	28
Number of visits to High Schcol Building	33
Number of visits to Elm St.	21
Number of visits to River St.	23
Number of visits to Mechanic St.	25
Number of visits to Sandersdale	11
Number of visits to Dennison District	11
Number of visits to Lebanon Hill	12
Total	—297

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools.

The Attendance department has become a child accounting bureau, and contains the following records: Census, pupil registration, transfer, discharge and enrollment, employment education and illiterate certificates, home-permit and street records.

The Attendance Officer is the link between the home and the school, carry the best thought of the school to the home and bringing back to the teacher an idea of the background of the child.

The National Association of Compulsory School Attendance Officials' Annual Meeting was held in Springfield, Mass. in November, and the association adopted as its slogan, "Every child in school every day properly equipped to take advantage of all the opportunities offered by the school." This is the aim of the Southbridge Attendance department, and with the co-operation of the parents, school department, teachers and attendance supervisor, is being attained.

The Supervisor gratefully acknowledges the gifts of money, clothing, shoes and toys.

Minors engaged in street trades are being licensed. A summary of the street trade law follows:

1. The minor must be at least 12 years old before he may sell or deliver newspapers or magazines, shine shoes or sell anything on the street.
2. He must get a badge from the officer who issues employment certificates.
3. He must wear this badge in plain sight and must not give it or loan it to anyone.
4. He must not work during school hours unless 14 years, and have a regular employment certificate.
5. If under 14, he must not work before 6 A. M. nor after 8 P. M.
6. If 14 or 15 he must not work before 5 A. M. nor after 9 P. M.
7. He must not have unlicensed boys or girls as helpers.

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

Persons 5 years of age or over, and under 7	561
Persons 7 years of age or over, and under 14	2092
Persons 14 years of age or over, and under 16	534
Illiterate minors 16 yrs. of age or over, and under 21 ..	96

INVESTIGATION OF ABSENCES

Number of cases investigated for grades in public and private schools	1244
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Absences caused by illness of children, illness in the child's family, legitimate excuses, lack of necessary cloth- ing, Truancy, and Indifference to School Laws

Evening school cases	5
Cases for home permits	9
Cases investigated for Immigration authorities	7
Cases concerning street trades	25
Cases referred to Probation Officer	2
Cases referred to State Agents	1
Cases reported to Attendance Officer not found, (left town or moved elsewhere in town)	9
Cases of children found at home not registered at school of school age	6
Children found on streets not registered at school of school age	11

Children found absent from school reported to other towns	1
Children found working unlawfully	6
Cases reported to the Public Health Nurse	37
Cases of misconduct on streets and in stores	15
Visits to shops, factories, stores, to investigate employment of minors	4
Cases investigated for Continuation School	7
Number of visits to schools, public and private	350
Number of disease notifications received from the Board of Health, referred to principals of schools	60
Number of cases referred to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	0
Number of families assisted by gifts, clothing, etc.	6
Number of children between ages 14 to 16 for whom employment was found	2
 Total number of cases investigated	1397
COURT CASES	
Number of children taken in court	0
PUPILS WITHDRAWING FROM SCHOOL	
Number of pupils moved from Southbridge during school sessions	30
Number of pupils transferred from private schools to public schools in town during school sessions	15
Number of pupils transferred from public schools to private schools in town during school sessions	6
Number of pupils transferred from public schools to public schools during school sessions	12
EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED	
Educational, 16-21 literate	497
Educational, 16-21 illiterate	96
Educational temporary	14
Employment between 14-16	251
Home permits	14
Special	5
News boys' badges	38
Total number of certificates issued	915

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET G. BUTLER.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD 1922-1923

Name	School	Grade	Age	Yrs.
Edith Mason	High	XII	17	1
Aline Morin	High	XII	16	1
Hector LeClair	High	XI	15	1
Ruth Pollard	High	XI	15	1
Robert Snell	High	XI	16	1
Roland Delage	High	X	15	1
Omer Demers	High	X	14	1
George Demers	High	X	12	1
Archie Dragon	High	X	17	1
Hermongene LePain	High	X	15	1
Irene Paquette	High	X	13	1
Jeannette Pinsonneault	High	X	14	1
Marion Whalen	High	IX	14	1
Alice Collins	High	IX	15	1
Mildred Armstrong	High	VIII	15	1
Doris Demers	High	VIII	12	1
William Snell	High	VIII	14	1
Howard Beck	Marcy	VII	13	1
Emerie Gaumond	Marcy	VII	13	1
Rene Larouche	Marcy	VII	15	1
Warren Wilson	Marcy	VII	12	1
Annette Degrenier	Marcy	VII	12	1
Elsie Hofstra	Marcy	VII	13	1
Martha Lord	Marcy	VII	11	1
John Stypulkowski	Marcy	VIIW	13	1
Kenneth Sutherland	Marcy	VIIW	14	2
Albert Soldani	Marcy	VIW	10	1
Edgar Brousseau	Marcy	VIW	11	1
Joseph Jaskey	Marcy	VIW	12	1
Robert Lavers	Marcy	VIW	11	1
Joseph Misiaszek	Eng. House	VI	13	1
Wanda Orzeck	Engine House	VI	10	1
Adeline Paoletti	Eng. House	VI	15	1
Verna Patterson	Eng. House	VI	10	1
Mary Pietros	Engine House	VI	13	1
Irene Abrahamson	Marcy	VE	9	1
Edmond Darzenkewica	Marcy	VE	11	1
James McKay	Marcy	VE	10	1
Rene Lucier	Marcy	VW	13	1
Oswald Lavallee	Marcy	VW	12	1
Thomas Kitos	Mechanic	IV	14	2
Edward Champagne	Mechanic	IV	9	2
Stella Kopec	School	IV	9	2

Name	School	Grade	Age	Yrs.
Julius Harmon	School	IV	9	1
Beatrice Kozyra	School	IV	10	1
Walter Lesniewski	School	IV	12	1
Stanley Marreski	School	IV	10	1
Joseph Remian	School	IV	10	1
Stephen Sumilas	School	IV	10	1
Walter Bastek	River	IV	10	1
Anthony Kupstas	River	IV	9	1
Stanislaw Sumilas	River	IV	11	1
Joseph Damian	River	III	8	1
Mieczyslaw Kurposka	River	III	9	1
Anita Sumilas	River	III	7	2
Carmela Camilloni	Mechanic	III	8	1
Virginia Detarendo	Mechanic	III	11	1
John Kitos	Mechanic	III	10	1
Rudolph St. Pierre	Mechanic	III	12	1
Kathrine Chadwick	School	III	9	1
Balescova Jeramenik	School	III	10	1
Muriel Lawton	School	III	9	1
Wanda Slota	School	III	8	1
Mieczystaw Labuda	School	III	10	1
Edna Abrahamson	Mechanic	II	7	2
Mary Poirier	Mechanic	II	10	1
Nellie Detarando	Mechanic	II	8	1
Lea Lawton	School	II	7	1
Joseph Saranet	School	II	8	1
Nellie Jura	River	II	7	1
Lucille Monroe	Main	II	7	1
Estelle Robidoux	Mechanic	I	7	1
Andrew Bednosz	School	I	8	1
Adele Ciesla	School	I	6	1
Wilfred Dufault	River	I	7	2
Stephen Damian	River	I	7	1
Florence Grudgein	River	I	7	1
Sabina Skowron	River	I	7	1
Fredrick Wielblad	River	I	7	1
Lauretta Lazure	Elm	I	6	1
George Leduc	Elm	I	6	1
Alphonse Mominee	Elm	I	6	1
Harold Pontbriand	Dennison	III	8	1
Donald Pontbriand	Dennison	I	6	1
Anita Pontbriand	Dennison	II	7	1

Evening Schools

Jeannette Carpentier	High	Alfred Merswski	Mechanic
Elizabeth Dodd	High	Theodor Terpo	Mechanic
Alfred Eno	High	Nicholas Veshio	Mechanic
Napoleon Eno	High	Vangel Sotir	Mechanic
Margaret McGrath	High	Vasil Costa	Mechanic
Newell Walker	High	Demetri George	Mechanic
William Dusseault	River	Pandelly Michael	Mechanic
Ledia Dusseault	River	Dennis Pappas	Mechanic
Alberta Leblanc	River	Vasil Peters	Mechanic
Yvette Mongeau	River	Stergio Vengel	Mechanic
George Pelletier	River	Germaine Dufault	Mechanic
Peter Sas	River	Yvonne Dufault	Mechanic
Victor Lempecki	River	Leosa Leblanc	Mechanic
Doria Vallee	Mechanic	Marie Anne Leblanc	Mechanic
Vaso Apostal	Mechanic	Dorese Dupuis	Mechanic

**Report of the
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
1922 & 1923**

Appropriation January 1, 1922	\$150,000.00
Appropriation January 1, 1923	15,000.00
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	\$165,500.00
F. X. Laliberte & Son	\$104,107.76
Alexander Langevin	18,000.00
Southbridge Domestic Engineering Co.	13,089.77
Genereux & Root	9,319.32
Appleton & Stearns	6,813.92
M. B. Foster Electric Co.	5,466.00
Freelon Morris	3,840.00
G. C. Winter Co.	1,767.95
R. A. Fife Corporation, Cont. sch. mach.	1,625.00
Edwin C. Lewis Co., electric lights fix.	605.50
Wilfrid Lamoureux, curtains	225.00
Crane & Co., piping for cloak room	218.95
Lynd Farquhar Co., Voc. Sch. machinery	165.00
Chas. E. Hellner, school apparatus	101.59
Southbridge Roofing Co., changing doors	.50.00
G. E. Stimpson Co., school furniture	40.50
Chandler & Farquhar Co., Voc. Sch. Mach.	38.93
Boston St. Ry. Co., freight on sch. app.	.10.83
Fred E. Corbin, exp. to Boston	6.06
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	\$165,492.08
 Balance January 1, 1924	\$7.92
 A. B. Wells, Chairman	F. E. Corbin, Secretary
E. Benj. Armstrong	Joseph Laughnane
William W. Buckley	J. Arthur Genereux.

